

JANUARY-2026

# THE TEMPLE TIMES

*The Official E-newsletter of The Roswell Masonic Bodies*



## FROM THE EAST - Roswell 18

Brethren of Roswell Lodge No. 18,

As we open a new Masonic year, January finds us returning to the very foundation of our Craft. At our first stated meeting, we will begin with a re-dedication of the Master Mason's Obligation—a moment to pause, reflect, and recommit ourselves to the principles that bind us together as Brothers. I encourage every Mason to attend and take part in this meaningful beginning to 2026.

Our Lodge continues to grow and labor well. We are proud to have two Entered Apprentices advancing in their Masonic journey. Brother Aki Houghtby will be passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on Friday, January 16th, and Brother Dakota Avery will soon follow. Your presence, encouragement, and participation in their degrees and instruction are vital to their success and to the strength of our Lodge.



# Further Light

As we look ahead to the first quarter of the year, I ask each Brother to consider how he may best serve. Our committees are the working tools of the Lodge, and many still need Brothers willing to step forward. Whether your talents lie in planning, mentoring, education, service, or fellowship, there is a place for you. A strong Lodge is built by engaged Brethren.

We are also in need of volunteers to provide dinner at our stated meetings—currently only two Brothers have signed up. Sharing a meal before Lodge is one of the simplest and most important ways we build fellowship. Please consider volunteering or partnering with another Brother.

Our Masonic Education Scholarship applications are now available for distribution to worthy students pursuing further education. Applications are due on or before our March 5th stated meeting. I encourage every Brother to help place these applications into deserving hands.

In the coming months, let us also renew our commitment to visiting and supporting our Sister Lodges. Please plan to visit Eddy Lodge No. 21 in Carlsbad on February 12th at 7:30 PM, and I strongly encourage attendance at Grand Lodge in Santa Fe, March 19–21. These gatherings strengthen not only our knowledge, but our fraternal bonds.

Finally, we are considering whether to hold our Fishing Clinic on Saturday, March 14th. This will only happen if Brethren step forward to help plan and lead it. If you are willing to assist, now is the time to make it known.

Brethren, the light of Masonry shines brightest when each of us contributes his share. Let us begin this year with purpose, participation, and pride in our Lodge.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Art Houghtby  
Worshipful Master  
Roswell Lodge No. 18 A.F. & A.M.



## Regular Communication Thursday January 8, 2026

**\*Dinner 6:30**

**\*Lodge Meeting 7:30**



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# *The Roswell Masonic Appendant Bodies*

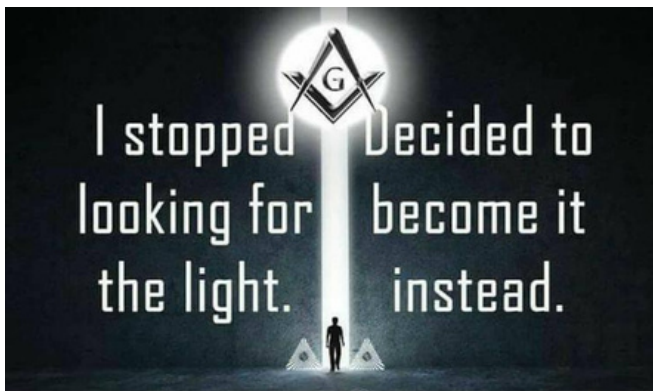
## *Order of the Eastern Star*

Roswell Chapter #10  
Order of the Eastern Star

HAPPY NEW YEAR Y'ALL

Our first meeting of the year will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Dinner will be hosted by Wendy O'Neil at 6:00 pm.  
The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm.  
The first Official Visit will be at Turquoise Chapter  
on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Las Cruces Chapter will have their  
Official Visit on the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Alamo Chapter will have their official Visit on the  
24<sup>th</sup> and Bethany Chapter will have their official Visit  
on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The details are available on the website.  
Live can be understood by looking backward, but it  
must be lived by looking forward.  
Let's all remember and understand the good and bad  
of the last year and look forward to living the new  
year.

Debbie Davis-secretary



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### **Donations**

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January 2026						
◀ December					February ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Roswell 18 Practice 6 PM	8 Roswell 18 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	9	10 Pecos Valley #7 Meeting 1:00 PM
11	12	13	14 Roswell 18 Practice 6 PM	15	16 FC Degree 6:00 PM	17
18	19	20	21 Roswell 18 Practice 6 PM	22 Roswell Shrine Club Meeting 6:30 Dinner 7:00	23	24 Pecos Valley #7 Meeting 1:00 PM
25	26	27 OES #10 Dinner 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	28 Roswell 18 Practice 6 PM	29	30	31

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